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SENATOR RANDY RICHARDVILLE
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MINUTES

The Senate Government Operations Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, in the Capitol Building, Rooms 402 and 403.

Senator Richardville called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

The clerk recorded attendance as follows:

Present: Senators Richardville (C), Meekhof, and Hunter
Absent: None
Excused: None

Senator Richardville requested a motion to adopt the minutes from the July 31, 2013 committee meeting. Senator Meekhof supported the motion.

Yeas: Richardville, Meekhof, and Hunter
Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senators Hildenbrand and Whitmer arrived in committee at 1:04 p.m.

Senator Richardville announced that the committee would be first discussing Senate Bill 509. Senator Richardville introduced Carol Viventi, Secretary of the Senate, who gave a brief explanation of the legislation. After her testimony, Ms. Viventi answered questions from committee members.

Senator Richardville announced there would be more discussion in the future regarding SB 509 before the bill is brought before the committee for a vote.

Senator Richardville next asked if there was anyone present who wished to testify on SB 509. There being no further discussion on SB 509, Senator Richardville moved to the next item on the agenda, House Bill 4704, sponsored by Representative Peter Pettalia.

Senator Richardville announced that, while the committee was waiting for Representative Pettalia's arrival, the committee would hear from other individuals who wished to speak on the legislation.

Senator Richardville called on Mr. Ben Bodkin, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, who testified in support of HB 4704. After his testimony, Mr. Bodkin answered a question from Senator Meekhof.

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Senator Richardville next called on the Honorable Scott Hill-Kennedy, Circuit Court Judge, representing the Michigan Judges Association, who offered testimony opposing HB 4704.

Senator Richardville next called on Mr. Chuck Paddock, representing the Wayne County Sheriffs Association, who offered testimony opposing the bill. After his testimony, Mr. Paddock answered questions from Senator Hildenbrand.

Senator Richardville announced that Senator Hunter had a substitute (S-3) for HB 4704 and asked Senator Hunter to give a brief explanation of that substitute.

Senator Richardville announced that Ms. Emily Corwin, representing the Office of Kym Worthy, Wayne County Prosecutor, submitted a card in support of Senator Hunter's substitute.***

Senator Hunter asked Senator Richardville to repeat the information on the card. Senator Richardvill re-stated Ms. Corwin's position as support for the S-3.

***Ms. Corwin submitted a letter on 10/2/13 clarifying that Prosecutor Worthy's official position is neutral on HB 4704. The letter further stated that the card submitted to the committee during the hearing which specified a position of support for the S-3 for HB 4704 was done so in error. A copy of the letter is attached and will be included in the official record.

Senator Richardville announced the following individuals who submitted their positions on HB 4704, but did not wish to speak:

Mr. Peter Cunningham, representing the State Bar of Michigan—**OPPOSE**

Mr. Shannon Price, Wayne County Commissioner—**SUPPORT**

Sheriff Terry Jungel, representing the Michigan Sheriffs Association—**OPPOSE**

Senator Richardville next called on Mr. Gary Woronchak and Alan Helmkamp, representing the Wayne County Commission, who testified in support of HB 4704.

Senator Richardville announced Representative Pettalia's arrival and called him forward to discuss his bill.

Senator Richardville asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak on HB 4704. There being no others present who wished to speak, Senator Richardville announced the committee would be discussing both bills, SB 509 and HB 4704, again in a future hearing.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Richardville adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:58 p.m.

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request to the committee clerk for a minimal fee.)

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The Honorable Randy Richardville
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Re: HB 4704 Sub-3

Dear Senator Richardville,

The Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney's office is requesting a correction to the record created in the Government Operations Committee regarding HB 4704 Sub-3. Testimony was taken on Tuesday, October 2, 2013 at which time a card was submitted on behalf of this office. The card showed that the Prosecutor supported the bill. This was in error. **Prosecutor Worthy does not support the bill but wishes to remain neutral on it.** It is critical that we have this corrected and would be so grateful if you could create a record that notes and corrects the error, recording the Wayne County Prosecutor's actual position: 'neutral'.

Please know that I have contacted Senator Hunter and the bill's sponsor Representative Pettalia, neither of whom was surprised by the change.

Thank you for your help with this and I apologize for any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Emily B. Corwin
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